Moving Forward: Accomplishments and Future Challenges

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Nutrition Education Interventions

- One-on-one education
- Small groups in interactive education
- Social marketing campaigns
- Policy Change
- System Change



Sustained improvements in dietary behavior



The Chain of Effects of **Nutrition Education** Health **Dietary Quality** Policy, Food **Nutrition** and **Environment**, **Food Safety** Resource **Physical** Education and Systems Management **Activity Food Security** Independence



Evaluation White Papers

Five Key Indicators:

- System, Environment & Policy Change
- Food Resource Management
- Food Safety
- Food Security
- Dietary Quality & Physical Activity



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System, Environment, & Policy Change: Accomplishments

- Helped establish the value of system change
- Disseminated an evaluation framework
- Identified process and impact measures
- Described examples of impacts



Social-Ecological Model: Spheres of Influence

System, Environment, Policy **Community** Institutional/Organizational Interpersonal Individual



Why is Social-Ecological Thinking Important?

- Nutrition behavior has multiple determinants
- Education requires availability of nutritious choices
- Nutrition behavior is influenced by cues to action
- Changes in policies, communities, organizations can be:
 - Cost effective
 - Ongoing
 - Important in maintenance of nutrition behavior



System, Environment & Policy

Examples

- NJ: negotiated policy change to deliver education to participants in employment and training programs
- ME: collaborate with farmers markets to accept food stamps, increasing access to low-cost produce.
- GA: convinced schools to stock bottled water in vending machines as an alternative to soft drinks
- WI: placed bus routes near supermarkets
- PA: coverage of diabetes nutrition education



System, Environmental, Policy Change: Gaps and Challenges

- Convince the skeptics
- Assure reach to low-income populations
- Demonstrate effects of FSNEP programs
- Synthesize findings across multiple states
- Demonstrate the synergy between system change and in-person nutrition education



Food Resource Management: Contributors

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Food Resource Management: Accomplishments

- Respond to interest of target audience
- Identified existing instruments
- Demonstrated link to dietary quality



Food Resource Management: Gaps and Challenges

- Develop practical intervention strategies
- Assess reliability and validity
- Demonstrate effects of nutrition education
- Demonstrate effects on dietary quality



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Food Safety: Accomplishments

Identified Key Behavioral Domains

- Personal Hygiene
- Adequate Cooking
- Cross Contamination
- Time Temperature
- Safe Food Sources



Food Safety: Gaps and Challenges

- Validate self-report measurement
- Adapt to needs of low income families
- Demonstrate effects of nutrition education
- Demonstrate maintenance of change



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Food Security: Accomplishments

- Recognized the role nutrition education
- Identified practical measures
 - Food Security Question
 - Concern about Food Security
 - Radimer/Cornell Food Insecurity 13 items
 - Food Security Scale (18 items, 6 items)
 - Community Measures
- Reviewed reliability and validity issues
- Identified research gaps



Food Security: Gaps and Challenges

- Validate measures of moderate insecurity
- Assess the stability over time
- Demonstrate the effects of nutrition education



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Dietary Quality: Accomplishments

- Identified practical indicators
 - Fruits and Vegetables
 - Whole Grains and Cereals
 - Meat, Poultry, Eggs, Fish, and Beans
 - Dairy Products
 - Low Fats, Oils, Sweets
 - Physical Activity
- Reviewed reliability and validity
- Broadened the choices of measures
- Provided information for selection



Data Resource Guide

Pregnant Women and Children:

- PedNSS -- Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System
- PNSS -- Pregnancy Nutrition Surveillance System
- PRAMS -- Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System

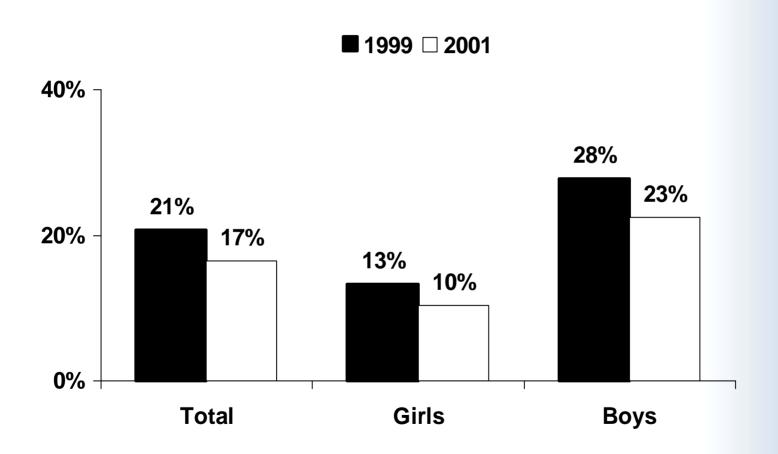
Youth:

YRBSS -- Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System

Adults and Households:

- BRFSS -- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
- CPS-FSS -- Current Pop. Survey Food Security Supplement
- NHANES -- National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
- NHIS -- National Health Interview Survey

Youth Milk Consumption in Nevada, 1999-2001 using YRBSS



Source: DHHS, CDC, Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, 2002



Dietary Quality: Gaps and Challenges

- Choice, not consensus
- Keep measures abreast of the epidemiology
- Implement studies with comparison groups
- Demonstrate effects of modest interventions
- Assure reach of community interventions to low income populations
- Challenges in synthesis



Organizational Challenges

- Multiple partners
- Limited resources for evaluation
- Limited resources for synthesis
- Choice of interventions influenced by availability of matching funds
- Time/intensity tradeoffs for evaluation



Next Steps

- Discussion in this FSNEP workshop
- Discussion in SNE workshop
- Input to shaping a research agenda
- Movement to implementation



Resources

- Evaluation of nutrition education with low-income families. Journal of Nutrition Education, 33, SS1, Sept/Oct 2001
- Review of efficacy of interventions. Preventive Medicine, 35, 25-41, 2002.
- Compendium of Data Resources (forthcoming)
- www.ers.usda.gov
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